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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Schaekers et al.

Appln. No.: 10/734,090

Filed: December 11, 2003

For: Solvent extraction mixture comprising substituted imidazole or benzimidazole for the purification of groups of base metals

Attorney Docket No: 10908/7

Examiner: Grazier

Art Unit: 1626

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Attached is/are:

- Supplemental Response to Restriction Requirement
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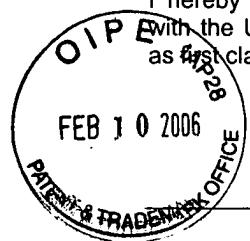
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Respectfully submitted,

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February 6, 2006

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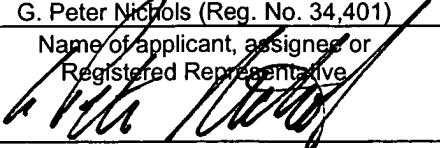
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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Supplemental Office Action dated January 13, 2006, Applicants elect Group I and further elect the substituted imidazole of Diagram 1, where $R_1=C_{10}H_{29}$, R_2 is a methylene-amino group as shown in Diagram 3 with $R_5=CH_3$ and $R_6=CH_2-NH-CH_3$, $R_3=CH_3$, and $R_4=H$.